



**Small Business Week Award Winners 2005**

**Thomas Mueller District Director, Columbus Office made the award  
presentations at the Awards Banquet**



Columbus District Small Business  
Journalist of the Year  
Herb Cook, Jr. Editor  
CEO Magazine  
5255 Sinclair Road  
P.O. Box 29913  
Columbus, Ohio

Herb Cook is the Editor of Columbus C.E.O. a monthly business magazine and Senior Editor of Columbus Monthly.

Mr. Cook has been an active partner with the Ohio SDBC program for many years. He has allowed the SBDC to include inserts in magazines for several years, which has created an increase in the public understanding of the importance of small business to Ohio's economy.



Columbus District SBA Minority Small  
Business Champion  
Jenell R. Ross, Operator and VP  
Bob Ross Buick – GMC- Hummer and  
Ross Motor Cars  
Business – 85 Loop Road  
Centerville, Ohio

Jenell Ross is the Dealer Operator and Vice President for Bob Ross Dealerships in Centerville OH. This honoree establishes current and long-range objectives, plans and policies for the Bob Ross Dealership. She directs a team of managers representing the 14 operational departments with the dealership. She has made outstanding accomplishments and efforts with minority automobile dealers.





Columbus District SBA Young  
Entrepreneur of the Year  
Clay A. Davis, V.P. of Finance  
The Skilled Trades Company  
714 E. Monument Ave., Suite 119B  
Dayton, Ohio

Since start of The Skilled Trades Company in 2001, the company has grown from one office in Dayton, to one in Cincinnati, Columbus and a new addition in Grand Rapids Michigan. The company has been able to serve a niche market providing skilled laborers including electricians, carpenters, and plumbers to local contractors. All directed by an owner that is 27 years old.



Columbus District Women in Business  
Champion of the Year  
Nancy Stoll, Certified Business Advisor  
Ohio SBDC at Columbus State Community  
College  
947 Goodale Blvd  
Columbus, Ohio

Nancy Stoll has assisted women in business for many years. Not only has she provided business management assistance to women, she established state-wide networks and programs which provide counseling and assistance to women business owners. She has also been a member of the Ohio SBDC network for five years and goes beyond the scope of her job to mentor and assist women in various stages of business ownership.

Her work with the women business owners of Central Ohio is one of great passion. She is often referred to for assistance and is well-known in the women-owned business community. She understands the needs and knows the resources to help women business owners grow and succeed.





Columbus District SBA Family-Owned  
Small Business of The Year.  
Todd A. Evans, President  
Quali Tee Design Sportswear Co.  
420 W. Oakland Avenue  
Washington Court House, Ohio

Todd Evans began his journey in 1993 purchasing used screen printing equipment for \$700.00 and operating out of his father's barn. He reported sales of \$3,300 that year. As the Founder and President of Quali-Tee Design Sportswear, Todd A. Evans has survived many obstacles and roadblocks. One of which was being recalled to active duty after 9/11 for 8 month and again in 2003 for the war in Iraq. He is a true success and has grown his business to 17 people with sales in excess of 1.4 million dollars.



Columbus District, Ohio and Regional  
Small Business Exporter of the Year  
Rex Stull, President  
Teledimensions  
5253 Wooster Pike  
Cincinnati, Ohio

In five short years Teledimensions has become an internationally recognized expert in the water entertainment and communication system. He is an excellent example of what a young enthusiastic business owner can accomplish when he/she fully utilizes all the assistance that is available through the SBA.

President Rex Stull started Teledimensions in 1999 with a staff of 3 and has grown his company 25 employees with sales in excess of 7.5 Million. All of this in just five short years. He has established his business to a point that he can keep busy through 2007.





SBA Regional  
Woman Business Owner Award  
Kara Trot, Founder & CEO  
Quantum Health

Quantum Health was founded in 1999 by the award winner to help self-insured employers reduce health care costs. Over the past five years, Quantum Health has held participating employer's annual cost increases to just 5-6%, approximately one-third of the national average. Quantum has grown over the past few years and currently employs 40 people. She has also received recognition from the head of SBA and the White House during the past couple of months for her work in controlling health care costs.



SBA District Small Business  
Person of the Year  
Robert Luke Seacrest, President  
Advanced Foundation Solutions, LLC  
"The Basement Guys"  
2853 Johnstown Road  
Columbus, Ohio

Luke Seacrest, President and General Manager of Advanced Foundation Solutions has received numerous awards such as being recognized by Business First as one of the Top 25 Greater Columbus Residential Remodelers in 2003 and 2004. He also received the 2004 Family Business of the Year Award by the Family Business Center of Central Ohio.

All of this recognition is due to this person's belief that integrity and service lead to success. This nominee has built a successful company based on operating honestly, placing his customers' needs at the forefront of this business, and hiring quality employees.

Under his leadership, his company, The Basement Guys has enjoyed exceptional sales growth. Three years ago the company had year-end sales of approximately \$300,000. This year sales are expected to reach \$3 million. The Basement Guys have broadened their scope and have moved into the manufacturing products they use in basement repair.

